

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 2-5 are now present in this application. Claims 2 and 3 are independent. Claims 2-5 have been allowed.

Claims 1 and 6 have been cancelled, and therefore Applicant submits that the Application has been placed into condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leach, in view of Beigel. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In response to the Examiner's rejection, Applicant has cancelled claims 1 and 6, thereby rendering the rejection thereof moot.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Percy L. Square, Registration No. 51,084 at (703) 205-8034, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit

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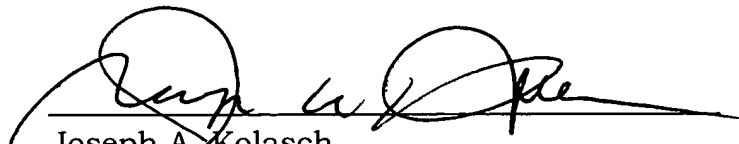
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Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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